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## *The Progress In Louisiana Libraries*

MUCH has happened since the April issue of this bulletin appears to justify our faith in the future progress of the libraries of this state. By legislative action in June an appropriation of \$200,000 was voted for the support of the Louisiana Library Commission for the coming biennium. Thus has the Commission advanced to a proud place in public confidence and now looks forward to greater possibilities for usefulness. Looking back thirteen years to the day of humble beginnings when the Commission ventured upon its work without any aid whatever from the state, the record is one which calls for our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

In New Orleans, thanks to an enlightened public, selection has been made of a trained librarian in Mr. John H. Jacobs to fill the post left vacant through the untimely death of Mr. McGivaren. In May, announcement was made of the merger of the libraries of Tulane University, Newcomb College and the Howard Memorial Library, a plan which has met with general approval and which will mean much for the future of library development in New Orleans. Surely all these events point to greater ultimate good for the reading public of Louisiana.

## Some Famous Books and Their Reviewers

By GWEN BRISTOW,

*Author of Deep Summer. The Handsome Road and other novels*

WHEN we observe that "Little Women" was briefly dismissed as "a lively story for the young;" that "A Tale of Two Cities" was called "tawdry," and that two of the leading American literary journals did not think "Uncle Tom's Cabin" of sufficient importance to review it at all, it makes us modern readers feel more at ease in confessing that sometimes we are confused in our judgment of the new books.

When a book is an unfamiliar experiment — as many of the most important books are — it is born into a world that has no ready-made standards by which to accept or reject it. Nothing is more instructive to a student of literature than to read how some now-famous books were received by their earliest readers.

"Jane Eyre" and "Wuthering Heights," after having wandered unsuccessfully among various publishers, finally appeared before a public that scowled in bewilderment at them. But when Anne Bronte, the sister of Charlotte and Emily, published "The Tenant of Wildfell Hall," a syrupy little story with all the familiar details of swooning heroines and rewarded virtue, Godey's Lady's Book (in 1848) hailed it as a fine novel, and said it was far superior to the other two. But this was in the days when fashionable young gentlemen were wearing green gloves to balls, when New York had a population of 515,000, when girls went sea-bathing in ankle-length bloomers and a fine city house could be bought for \$7000, and neither the American nor the English reviewers were quite prepared for the unabashed candor of the other Bronte novels.

In 1855 Putnam's Magazine reviewed Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," and dismissed it in some puzzlement as "a curious and lawless collection of poems." And when verses of a very different order but also des-

tined for immortality, W. S. Gilbert's "Bab Ballads," appeared in 1870, Harper's Magazine remarked, "One must be very tired and stupid indeed to enjoy such pure specimens of unmitigated nonsense."

"A Tale of Two Cities" was condemned by nearly all its first reviewers as being little better than trash. The London Saturday Review for December 7, 1859, said: "It would perhaps be hard to imagine a clumsier or more disjointed framework for the display of the tawdry wares which form Mr. Dickens' stock in trade. The broken-backed way in which the story maunders along from 1775 to 1792, and back again to 1760 or thereabouts, is an excellent instance of the complete disregard of the rules of literary composition which have marked the whole of Mr. Dickens' career as an author."

Of "Elsie Dinsmore" Godey's Lady's Book said (March, 1868): "The lessons it inculcates are excellent." When "Little Men" appeared in 1871 Harper's Magazine was not enthusiastic: "There is hardly enough in the story itself to sustain the reader's interest in it; . . . the book drags a little if one attempts to read it directly through." But Harper's reviewer had some excellent observations to make about the Alcott sentimentality, and he sensibly added, "Had we been present we should have been tempted to admonish Mother Bhaer that it was not a safe operation to let her baby suck the spoon in which she had just administered a dose of medicine to a ragged urchin just picked up from the street."

Peterson's Magazine had little to say for "Silas Marner" (1860): "This is either an early work by Miss Evans, or if a later one, it has been hastily executed. In no respect is it worthy of her reputation."

On the other hand, the earliest reviewers of "Vanity Fair" were full of praise. The

Democratic Review (October, 1848) gave an opinion that has agreed with that of the readers of ninety years: "There is no hero in this novel, but we have two heroines; sweet, kind, tender Amelia is certainly one . . . but the other is our favorite: Rebecca Sharp, clever, keen, pliant little Becky. What though she is heartless, selfish, designing, intriguing; we love her because she is talented, energetic — and successful."

The first American book to be translated into Russian was "Uncle Tom's Cabin;" the second was John W. Draper's "History of the Intellectual Development of Europe" (1871); and "Little Women" followed shortly after. However, "Little Women" had to be revised in the translation because some parts of it were too shocking for Russian readers of that period. The scene where Meg, having just promised to marry John Brooke, sits on his knee with his arm around her and is thus discovered by Jo, was altered in the translation to read that when Jo came in John Brooke was bowing before his fiancée and respectfully kissing her hand.

One day in the first decade of this century, a correspondent wrote the Bookman, the leading American literary journal of that time, saying he was tired of seeing lists of the "ten best books" and asking for the ten worst books in the English language. The Bookman's list is appended here for the agreement or disapproval of 1938 readers. In making out the list the editors specified that they had confined their choice "to books whose authors might have been expected to do better."

Here it is:

Philip — Thackeray  
Joan of Arc — —Mark Twain  
Alton Locke — Kingsley  
Scottish Chiefs — Porter  
Aylwin — Watts-Dunton  
Daniel Deronda — George Eliot  
Lothair — Disraeli  
Clarissa Harlowe — Richardson  
The Blithedale Romance —  
Hawthorne  
Hyperion — Longfellow

## Louisiana Library Commission

LOUISIANA will have at least one additional demonstration of regional library service during the current year as the result of increased funds pledged to the Louisiana Library Commission by Governor Richard W. Leche and included in the budget bill which the Louisiana Legislature is expected to adopt before June 15.

The commission's appropriation was set at \$100,000 a year of which \$25,000 was allocated to the tri-parish library presently being operated in Winn, Grant and Jackson parishes. Another \$25,000 is expected to provide for another demonstration of regional service while the remaining \$50,000 will meet the expenses of the commission.

Parishes which will participate in the new regional demonstration have not been

selected, Miss Culver said, since until the appropriations bill passes there is no money available for new libraries. However, in the event the money is voted by the Legislature, some standards will be set up and the commission will select the area for the demonstration.

The \$100,000 finally appropriated is considerably less than the \$350,000 yearly appropriation which the commission had requested. The amount will allow of no state financial aid for existing libraries, Miss Essae Martha Culver, executive secretary of the commission, said, and will permit of only one regional demonstration. However, it is comparatively large in comparison to the

\$35,000 received by the commission last year and doubles the \$50,000 appropriation originally placed in the budget bill.

The increase was granted following a mass meeting of Louisiana legislators and members of the Citizens' Library Movement held in the capitol recently. Several hundred persons attended the meeting and heard library leaders discuss the need for more and better libraries in Louisiana. A committee composed of legislators present, J. O. Modisette, chairman of the library commission, and A. P. Tugwell, state treasurer, was named to confer with Governor Leche.

At the conference Governor Leche expressed his keen interest in library development in Louisiana and pledged that the amount budgeted to the commission in the general appropriations bill would be raised to \$100,000 per year. This sum will come from the general fund. Governor Leche said he fully realized the need and the good work that Louisiana libraries were doing but said that there were so many calls on the general fund that it would be impossible to raise the amount higher than \$100,000.

The library commission in addition to conducting one more regional demonstration and continuing the tri-parish library hopes to spend a large share of its increased funds in building up a collection of books especially designed for adults who are just learning to read and write and for the thousands enrolled in adult education classes throughout the state. Meeting the needs of these hundreds of citizens, formerly illiterates, is one of the major problems that faces the commission just at this time, Miss Culver believes.

The tri-parish library will close its year's activities on June 12 with a record that may well be the envy of libraries all over the United States. Under the capable direction of Miss Mary Harris, the tri-parish library has proved one of the best demonstrations ever undertaken by the commission. It has shown beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is feasible to combine more than one governmental unit and that the people of rural

Louisiana given an opportunity will find pleasure and profit in reading.

The 10-months report of the tri-parish library is the latest the commission has received. It shows that of the 30,000 persons in the three parishes 11,666 are registered as borrowers of the library. The circulation for the 10-months period is 198,177 indicating that for the year the number of books read will far exceed the 250,000 mark. The tri-parish library has 11,629 books in its collection and circulates these through 24 branch libraries and 35 bookmobile stops. During the period a total of 3732 requests were filled.

Miss Culver points proudly to the record of the tri-parish library and expresses pleasure in the fact that the state's appropriation will make it possible to continue the tri-parish library. The area was one which had previously had no library and it is in one of the state's most rural sections, so she believes the tri-parish library's success is proof positive that the regional library meets the needs of rural Louisiana.

The increased appropriation which the Legislature is expected to provide for the commission came about, Miss Culver believes, largely because of the support given the library movement in Louisiana by the Citizens' Library Movement. With a membership of well over 300,000, this organization has played an increasingly important part in Louisiana's library program since its organization less than two years ago.

In the tri-parish area and in the parishes of Natchitoches and Lincoln as well as in Vernon interest in this organization has been particularly keen. During the past month more than 1000 letters have been received by the commission from Natchitoches. Cad-do, too, was a banner parish and interest in the movement and its objectives has been wide spread and general.

The legislative session has been a busy period for the library commission but one which it is hoped will bring in its wake additional funds for library work in Louisiana.



## Library Clubs

By FLORRINELL FRANCIS,

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IT is with the greatest humility that I approach the subject that has been assigned me, namely, Library Clubs, being, as it so happens that least active president of the deadest of all library clubs, the Baton Rouge Library Club. I demurred until the representative of the program committee assured me that it is not what I think about library clubs, not what my experience with library clubs has been, that the committee is interested in having put before you, but rather, what library clubs the country over are doing, in the hope that those of us who are connected with library clubs, or who may, in the future, be so connected, may benefit from the experience of others. And so this paper is in no sense written in the first person singular, but is very definitely in the third person plural and if there is anything of value in it, the credit goes to the busy librarians who came to my rescue, and who so graciously gave me the information I requested.

When it was suggested to me that I make a survey of the activities of library clubs, I turned to the one list of such clubs in existence, the list in the American Library Association Handbook. As a matter of course, then, I was limited in my study to those clubs which had seen fit to affiliate with the Association, or to clubs of whose existence I happened to know, or to learn during the course of the investigation. It seemed hardly feasible to write to each of the sixty-two clubs listed in the 1937 Handbook; some delimitation had to be made. Since it was hoped that by learning of the work of other clubs, further activity in our own Louisiana Clubs might be stimulated, a logical plan seemed to be to omit clubs in the very large metropolitan areas, such as New York, Boston, or Chicago, to omit the Special library associations, and to omit clubs which ap-

peared to be mere staff organizations. Every Southern club listed in the Handbook was included, regardless of type, and representative clubs in other sections, particularly those of the various types which we have in our state; that is to say, clubs in university towns, clubs in medium sized cities, and parish and regional clubs, hoping in this way to study situations somewhat comparable to our own. Naturally, I wanted to include every Louisiana club, and fortunately, the December issue of the Bulletin of the Louisiana Library Association carried information concerning four, the New Orleans Library Club, the Baton Rouge Library Club, the Caddo Parish Library Club, and the Library Club of the Library School of Louisiana State University. In addition to these four, I included the Webster Parish Library Club. In all, twenty-four letters were sent, and—here, may I pause to salute Librarians? Twenty-two replies were received. Nor were the replies perfunctory; they were detailed and enthusiastic accounts. To quote from one president's letter: "May I say that I am most happy to give you the information concerning our club because we are so proud of it and the work we have been able to accomplish through it." Some clubs sent copies of their constitutions, and one even sent a set of its yearbooks. Of the twenty-two replies, five were from parish or county clubs, five were from regional or joint city clubs, nine were from local library clubs, one was from an elementary school librarians' club, and two were from institutional clubs, whose membership was limited in each case to the staff of the library, and to the faculty and student body of the library school. One club, the University of Illinois Library Club, was founded as long ago as 1899; the two next oldest are the clubs of Iowa City and Columbia, Mo., which were founded in 1906 and

1907 respectively. The majority, however, have been established since 1931. In the letters which I sent to these clubs, I requested information of them as to their purpose, their membership, the nature and frequency of their meetings, and the projects which they have sponsored. It was most gratifying to learn that many of the clubs are quite active.

There seems to be a general unanimity of purpose among the clubs. Most of the clubs state that they have a two-fold purpose: firstly, to stimulate and further library interests and to encourage professional growth among their members; and, secondly to provide some medium of social contact, and to promote good fellowship among librarians. I was interested to note that only one club, the Caddo Parish Library Club, included in its statement of purposes, the developing of friends for the library, which seems to me to be a very worthwhile object. So many of the clubs stress the social side of their organizations, that I was pleased to come upon this very apropos remark in the letter which I received from President Thomas J. Shanahan of the Twin City (Minneapolis and St. Paul) Library Club. I quote: "To a large extent, then, its purpose is social, but not necessarily recreational, because the resulting acquaintance with other librarians and the collections they administer has a value that is utilitarian as well as pleasurable." Even the less active clubs, and there are several (a consoling thought to me) find that there are times when they serve a very definite need, particularly when the cities in which they are located are hosts to library conferences, or when there is need to circulate their membership for some special purpose. In other words, such an organization does make for a degree of professional solidarity which works to the benefit of both the professional group in the community, and of the individuals who go to make up that group.

As to membership, there is diversity of practice. Clubs in the larger cities are likely to confine their membership to active professional librarians, and, in cities where li-

brary schools are located, to students in training for the profession, since to do otherwise would make for a club of unwieldy size. The clubs in smaller communities find it stimulating to include among their members booksellers, library trustees, former librarians, and, in fact, anyone interested in books and in libraries. The Pasadena, California, club lists among its members, in addition to librarians, artists, authors, and scholars who are interested in books and reading. Several of the clubs, Nashville for one, divide their membership into active and associate groups,—a likely plan, I think, for the large city club to which persons other than librarians are eligible.

Meetings vary in frequency. One regional club, the Puget Sound Library Club, meets annually, the occasion being a festive one for the purpose of a good chat together, which at the same time can serve as a medium for discussions if there is need. Other clubs meet bi-annually, quarterly, bi-monthly. By far the greater number meet monthly, except during the summer months. Some require by their constitutions, no definite number of meetings, but set a minimum, as for example, the Nashville club, which must meet no less than five times annually, according to its constitution. Some meet at times specified by their constitutions; others meet only upon call of the president (a vicious practice, I think, and I believe I have the right to so express myself, since it is the practice of our Baton Rouge Library Club.) It is plainly to be seen that the club that meets regularly, and at fairly frequent intervals is more likely to be active, than one which meets only upon call.

Most of the clubs indicate that their meetings are largely social in nature, many having dinner or luncheon meetings, with outside speakers furnishing the programs. This seems to be true particularly of the clubs which are so located that such speakers are readily available, as in the case of clubs located in university communities or in metropolitan areas. In this connection, the president of the Pasadena club writes of using research scholars from the Huntington

library, and the president of the Atlanta club tells of a recent entertaining evening with Atlanta newspaper editors.

Several of the clubs plan their yearly programs so that certain designated meetings are social, as in the case of the annual reception or tea honoring new members and the annual picnic for summer members which are traditional with the Illinois and Iowa City clubs, or the annual banquet with outside speakers as at Nashville. Other meetings of these clubs are then given over to discussions of topics of professional interest, to reviews of professional literature, and to reviews of the current output of the publishers. The San Antonio, Texas, club has built its programs each year around a central theme. During its first year (1935) a study of various phases of librarianship was made; the second year, the theatre was discussed; and the third year, state aid was chosen as the topic, due to agitation in the state for aid at that time. While it would appear that many of the clubs depend upon outside speakers almost entirely, and that their programs are largely literary, the clubs which seem to be most active are those whose members participate in the programs to some extent, and whose programs are of a professional nature, in part, at least.

By far the most interesting phase of library club work with which I had an opportunity to acquaint myself through the letters I received is the projects sponsored by the various clubs. A number of the clubs, of course, as is to be expected, have sponsored none; others have upon occasion, done so, but not as a regular part of their program. However, I was pleased to find that a number of clubs have sponsored regularly quite worthwhile projects. I believe you would be interested to know the nature of these; so I will briefly describe some of them.

*Caddo Parish Library club* last year sponsored a project to improve the type of inexpensive paper backed books sold in the dime store of Shreveport, using the list of Inexpensive Juveniles compiled by Miss Mildred Harrington and published by the Lou-

isiana State University Library School. This year, the Caddo club has put all its efforts into supporting the Citizens' Library Movement.

*The Austin Texas Club* has sponsored a number of very excellent projects. In 1934 the club made a gift of children's books to the Austin Sunshine camp, and at Christmas of 1936, made a similar gift to the Family Welfare Service for Austins' poor. The Austin club has also put on a definite program of education, attempting to make the state planning board conscious of the Texas Library Association's plan for libraries, to make the curriculum revision committee conscious of the place of libraries in the schools, and has cooperated with the Texas Library Association's program for state aid to libraries.

*The Louisville club* has cooperated with the Kentucky library association in pushing the state certification bill.

*The Twin City club* of Minneapolis and St. Paul gives some support to a loan fund for students of library science at the University of Minnesota.

*The New Orleans club* in 1935-36 sponsored a series of lectures delivered by persons outside the club on a variety of cultural subjects. Also in 1935-36, the club undertook to list the libraries located in New Orleans, and mimeographed and distributed the resulting compilation.

*The Nashville club* annually sponsors a Book Fair, which is now held for two days, with program meetings in the evenings and with displays of local publishers and book-sellers. There is always one display at least on library matters. The club has also been responsible for the completion of a union list of Nashville serials, for the publication of a directory of librarians in the city, and for a study of fields of interest committee. The club is now considering the possibility of a weekly radio hour, as a means of publicity for the library movement. To show that they have had tangible results from their projects, their president writes that the Library week which they sponsored in 1935 resulted in an additional \$5000 appropria-

tion for the public library. In speaking of the value of such an organization, the president writes: "We feel that the club is a very active group and that through it a fine spirit of cooperation has been built up among librarians in the city. Such projects as the Union catalog at Vanderbilt, interloan library service, publicity for libraries and many other mutual undertakings have been made easier because of the exsistence of the informal group of librarians."

*Webster Parish Library Club*, the membership of which consists of the Headquarters staff of the library and the branch custodians, has as its permanent project, the improvement of its own library service, so its president writes, and certainly there could be no more worthwhile project.

*The University of Illinois Library club* has sponsored one project very successfully. The club undertook to raise the first \$1000 of the Adah Patton Memorial Fund the interest from which is to be used for publications in the general field of Library science, and particularly in Cataloguing, Classification, and Bibliography.

One of the most active clubs to report projects is the *Dallas Elementary School Library club* which was organized in 1934. In 1934-35 the club held a toy shower for crip-

pled children in the Shrine hospital; in 1935-36, the club made itself responsible for a series of weekly reviews of children's books written by the librarians and appearing each Sunday in the local papers; in 1936-37, its members compiled a volume of original poems by Dallas school children, which it called "Teen Age Verse." During the current year the club is sponsoring a number of projects of purely professional nature, among which are the following: a centralized cataloging plan; a permanent picture and poster collection which is to be available to all the schools; permanent reading records of all children; and a classification of all reader material by subject and country.

Some of these projects which I have mentioned seem entirely beyond our means; some are projects which naturally would be useful only in areas where there are many libraries, and libraries of rather specialized nature; but some are adaptable to our own conditions, and all give food for thought. It is gratifying to learn that Library clubs can and do make worthwhile contributions to the profession at large and to the state and community in which they exist. It should encourage us to redefine our purpose, to fix upon a more definite policy of usefulness, and to see if we too cannot be worth our salt.

## School Libraries

NOW that the rush of the last month of school is over, with its commencement plans, report-making, and library housecleaning, Louisiana school librarians are ready to draw a long breath and think about plans for the summer.

Many and varied activities are being considered in these plans. Many librarians will return to library school for further professional training, some at the University of North Carolina, others at Columbia, the Uni-

versity of California, and the University of Oregon. The majority of these, however, will attend the summer schools here in Louisiana, either at the L. S. U. Library School or at one of the state colleges.

Besides the regular summer courses at the State Normal College, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, and Loyola, library science courses are to be given this year for the first time at the Southwestern Institute in Lafayette. Many teacher-librarians in that



part of the state are expected to take advantage of this opportunity to go on with their training. The courses will be under the direction of Loma Knighten, Acting Librarian of Southwestern, and Frances Flanders, Librarian of the Neville High School, Monroe.

Another group of school librarians expect to spend the summer at jobs, which not only afford interesting and unusual experience, but furnish first aid to the pocketbook. Several librarians will be employed in the Library Division of the State Department of Education, checking the requisitions sent in by schools and preparing the state order for library books. It is expected that the order will be complete by early fall, so that the books can be delivered as soon as possible after the opening of the new school term.

Other school librarians will be employed in the library schools and colleges, doing teaching or secretarial work. Evelyn Stuart Cormier, Librarian of the Behrman High School in New Orleans, will teach two library-science courses at Loyola University. Anne Beale Golson of the Istrouma High School will be assistant reviser in the L. S. U. Library School. Dorothy Steidtmann, Librarian of the Lagrange High School, will spend the summer with her sister in Virginia, and expects to catalog a small community library there.

"On to A. L. A." is the motto of a few lucky librarians, who will attend the meeting in Kansas City June 13-18. Those interested in school library work will find a treat in store at this meeting, for besides the section meetings a general session is to be devoted to this phase of librarianship.

At least one school librarian will spend part of the summer doing cataloging and other technical work in her library, preparing for better organization and better service. Lucile Pugh, Librarian of the Fair Park High School, Shreveport, has been fort-

unate in securing the cooperation of her parish superintendent in enabling her to perform this much-needed work during the coming summer.

Congratulations to W. D. Postell, Librarian of the Mansfield High School, who has recently been appointed Librarian of the L. S. U. Medical School in New Orleans. Mr. Postell will begin his new work July 1.

Two more school librarians have joined the ranks of spring brides. Louise Hoehn of the Newman Manual Training School in New Orleans, was married recently to Paul Hogan of New Orleans, and Blanche Fleming, Librarian of the Bolton High School, Alexandria, is to be married soon to Leo Marler, who is also a member of the Bolton faculty.

Friends of Mrs. Fannie A. Scott, librarian of the Lake Providence High School, will be saddened to learn of her death, which occurred recently at her home. Mrs. Scott had been librarian at Lake Providence for several years; she attended the L. S. U. Library School.

According to Congressman Larrabee, Chairman of the House Committee on Education, the latest news from Washington regarding H. R. 10340 and S. 419, the bills for Federal aid to education, is that probably action will not be taken at the present session of Congress.

These two bills follow closely the recommendations of the President's Advisory Committee on Education, and recommend annual grants to the states for six years, varying from two million dollars to six million dollars. Specific provision is made for school libraries, rooms for school and community libraries, and training for school librarians. Hence the bills vitally concern all school librarians, and many have shown their interest by writing to the Louisiana Senators and Congressmen asking their support for the bills.

Officers of the Louisiana Library Association for the year 1938-39 elected at the annual meeting held in Alexandria, April 7-9, 1938 are as follows:

*President:*

DEBORA R. ABRAMSON

Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge

*First Vice President:*

EUGENE P. WATSON, Jr.

State Normal College Library, Natchitoches

*Second Vice President:*

SARAH I. JONES, Jr.

Concordia Parish Library, Ferriday

*Secretary:*

MRS. KATHERINE K. THOMAS

La. State University School of Library Science, Baton Rouge

*Treasurer:*

EVELYN G. PETERS, Jr.

Colton High School Library, New Orleans

President Abramson announces the following committee appointments:

*Auditing:* Mrs. Will Conerly Daniels, Chairman; Edith Rigsby, Mildred Hogan.

*Commercial and Professional Exhibits:* Ora Garland Williams, Chairman; Mary Rice, Louise Gray, Frances Flanders.

*Committee of Cooperation with Library Secretary of L. T. A.:* Mildred P. Harrington, Chairman; Hilda Strauss, Irene Pope.

*Federal Relations:* Mr. J. O. Modisette, Chairman; Dorothy Moss, Loma Knighten. Mary W. Harris, Alice Daspit.

*Hospitality:* Scharlie Russell, Chairman; Lucille Tinker Carnahan, Ella V. Aldrich, Cornelia Eastland, Mrs. Sam Levy.

*Library School Breakfasts:* Columbia—Kathryn Moore. Emory—Mary F. Slinger. Illinois—Maude M. Cook. L. S. U.—Elizabeth Johnson. North Carolina—Fay Allen. Peabody—Emily Spencer.

*Membership:* Lucile Althar, Chairman; Lucy Foote, Dorothy Beckemeyer, Anna P. Davis.

*Nominating:* Lois Shortess, Chairman; Ruth Reagan Baird, Ruth Renaud.

*Programs:* Florinell Francis, Chairman; Eugene Watson, Elizabeth Cammack.

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*Registration:* Laura Jones, Chairman; Ruby Moore. Dorothy Steidtmann, Rita Jordan.

*Resolutions:* Metella Williams, Chairman; Sally Farrell, Margaret Burke, Evelyn Stuart Cormier.

*State Planning:* Essae M. Culver and special committee.

*Trustees:* Mrs. Dan Stewart, Chairman; Mary Thornton, Mayor E. W. Vogt.

Sectional heads chosen at Alexandria are:

*College and Reference,* HELEN MAESTRI

*School,* KAY BRELAND COOLEY

*Parish and Publicity,* BESS VAUGHAN

*Junior Members,* LUCILE ALTHAR

Miss Essae Culver, President of the Southwestern Library Association makes the following announcement:

The Southwestern Library Association will meet in Oklahoma City, October 19-22. Oklahoma librarians are making big plans for the entertainment of those attending. A number of librarians are already making up parties to motor to Oklahoma City and a large attendance from Louisiana is hoped for. Mr. Ralph Hudson, State Librarian, is in charge of local arrangements and is Chairman of the Program Committee.

The Hospitality Committee is planning some delightful entertainment features and we are assured Oklahoma offers its best climate at that time of the year.

Be sure and plan on attending this conference.

## *Libraries For Negroes*

The dearth of news for Negro libraries makes us feel with Mr. Browning that even "A burr had been a treasure trove" in this barren desolation. Sparse just doesn't adequately describe the material on hand this time. Frantic appeals made to Negro libraries for news elicited two replies. We fear that librarians of Negro libraries must be hesitating to send in news because it seems too insignificant to report. We do wish we might make them realize we are interested in hearing any news of their work and plans.

Miss Margaret Burke, Xavier University librarian, has been chosen by the Executive Council of the Catholic Library Association to serve as a member on the committee on membership with direct responsibility for the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. The purpose of this committee is to solicit new members, to make recommendations concerning membership dues and for improving Catholic Library Association service to members.

The librarian of Holy Rosary Institute, which is a high school for Negro girls in Lafayette, writes that the library of 837 volumes is open for use by the community. The librarian also reports that lessons in the use of the library are being given.

Among the visitors to Xavier University Library during May was Walter Francis White, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Secretary White spoke to the Xavier students

concerning the efforts in behalf of the Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynching Bill.

Another distinguished visitor to Xavier was Mr. Wallace Van Jackson of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Van Jackson has been making a survey of college and university libraries in order to perfect his plans for Virginia Union's new library.

The Sacred Heart High School library of Lake Charles reports a student body of sixty-four students and a book collection of 1,235 volumes. Lessons are being given in the use of the library. The Sacred Heart High School library is not open for use by the community.

A new publication, the Xavier Biological Review, made its first appearance in May. This was the work of the undergraduate science students directed by Mr. W. H. Holmes. It is the hope of members of the School of Science that the publication may become a semi-annual one.

The death of Mr. Edmund L. McGivaren is deeply felt by the librarians of the Negro libraries of New Orleans. Mr. McGivaren showed himself a friend to the Negro libraries in many ways.

Miss Katherine Bridges, assistant librarian of Xavier University Library, is planning to attend the A. L. A. Convention in Kansas City in June.

## Public Libraries

### ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Over one hundred books were donated to the library by interested citizens during the period January 1st to April 1st.

In March the library was re-decorated and renovated, and on April 26th "Open house" was held. While this reception was not meant for an anniversary celebration, it so happened, that it marked thirty years of service by the library, the date of opening having been April 1908.

In April the Louisiana Library Association held its annual meeting in Alexandria, and much pleasure and inspiration were derived thereby.

### HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Homer Public Library has shown progress in the per cent of registration and book circulation during the past quarter.

Additional shelving is being added this month to care for the increased number of volumes. Thirty new books have been ordered and received recently. Twenty books and a number of magazines were donated by Club members.

In the Juvenile Department a marionette show and a story hour are planned for this month.

### MONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Members of the Ouachita Medical Association are completing plans for equipping a section in the library with medical books, pamphlets, and magazines for the use of members of their profession. Their plans include an annual contribution for new and supplementary material.

The Twin City Stamp Club had a very interesting and artistic exhibit in the hall of the library for National Air Mail Week, May 15-21. The exhibit was composed of covers having the local cachets used over the past seven years. These cachets commemorate the First Air Mail Flight Route AM 33, July 1, 1931; Jimmy Doolittle's Air Cir-

cus, December 6, 1931; Frank Faulkner and Monroe's First Autogiro, January 12-13, 1932; First Air Mail Flight AM 24, July 4, 1934; First Night Flight, July 2, 1935. On Monday a cover with the new local cachet, commemorating the 20th anniversary of National AM was placed in the frame with these others, completing the set.

### SHREVE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Just prior to the L. L. A. meeting in Alexandria, Dr. Theodore Koch, of Northwestern University Library, delivered his lecture on "Literary Forgeries" for the pleasure of our patrons.

Miss Gwen Bistow lectured here as guest of the L. S. U. Book Circle.

Several members of the staff attended the L. L. A. meeting in Alexandria, and Miss Dorothy Moss will be present at the A. L. A. convention in Kansas City.

Marked interest was shown in the two art exhibits held in the library during the past several weeks. The first was a photographic exhibit and the other an exhibit of Shreveport painting, sponsored by the Shreveport Art Club. A life insurance display will be arranged shortly.

### NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The staff of the New Orleans Public Library feels very keenly the loss of its esteemed librarian, Edmund L. McGivaren. Though he had been ill for some time, his death came as a shock to all of us. It was a decided privilege to have worked with Mr. McGivaren. He had a most pleasing personality, a delightful sense of humor, was so easy to work with, and was so fair in his judgments. Mr. McGivaren accomplished so much for the library in the short space of time that he was here. Besides the really big improvements and changes made, there were hundreds of smaller things accomplished, that only we, who worked in close contact with him, could know about and re-



alize the time and thought that they entailed. He always gave himself unstintingly to the task at hand. The staff of the library can be grateful to Mr. McGivaren for many things, and we will cooperate and do our utmost to carry on the good work that he so ably started.

The work of cleaning and painting the interior of the Main Library was begun in March and is fast nearing completion. To date, the entire main floor of the building with the exception of the central dome has been painted and decorated.

This much needed improvement adds greatly to the attractiveness of the columned interior and brings into prominence the dignified Corinthian columns with their foliated capitals supporting an arched ceiling. The Corinthian order followed here is supposed to be that of the Roman temple of Mars Ultor.

Despite the unavoidable inconvenience to both the public and the staff during this period, the situation was optimistically accepted, and admiration as to the attractiveness of the interior often expressed.

The New Orleans Public Library is deeply appreciative of the interest and generosity on the part of the City Fathers who furnished both workmen and material for this undertaking—a decided improvement!

The Junior Red Cross held a monthly meeting in the library auditorium on April 22nd. The theme of the meeting was world peace. The distribution of lists of travel books, a short talk by a member of the library staff, and a showing of three travel films on a 16mm sound projector constituted the program.

The library made an exhibit for the annual dinner of the Louisiana Council for

Motion Pictures which was held at the Monteleone Hotel on April 27th. The theme of the exhibit was community and library cooperation for better motion pictures. Books and catalogs from the Reference Department illustrated library facilities for the selection of educational films. Books and lists from the Circulation Department covered the theatrical film and the use of the educational film.

The library also made an exhibit for the State convention of the Parents Teachers Association which was held at the St. Charles Hotel April 21-23. The exhibit consisted of books, posters, and book lists contributed by the various departments of the library. Features of the display were books and posters on adult education, magazines for parents and teachers, and colorful picture books from the Children's Room.

There are now 588 borrowers registered in the Blind Department. During the month of April the circulation was 109 embossed books and 442 talking books.

Two hundred children with their teachers visited the Children's Department during the month of April.

Miss Flo Ebeling, Miss Ruth Renaud, and Miss Dorothy Beckemeyer attended the L. L. A. convention in Alexandria. Miss Renaud acted as Secretary of the Association for Mr. McGivaren, at his request.

Miss Helen M. Hart, Miss Jeanne Brun, Miss Flo Ebeling, and Miss Ruth Renaud attended the Joint Meeting of the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Library Clubs, held in Baton Rouge, on Saturday evening May 7th.

Miss Theresa Militello was elected Treasurer of the New Orleans Library Club for the 1938-1939 session.

## *Inventory of American Imprints*

The Historical Records Survey of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects, Works Progress Administration, has undertaken as part of its program a nationwide survey of American imprints, including

Hawaii. The Imprints survey is under the technical direction of Douglas C. Mc Murrie, Consultant to the National Director of the Historical Records Survey. A national filing and clearing office has been established

in Chicago, Illinois, to provide guidance, and to insure uniformity and accuracy.

The purpose of the American Imprints Inventory is to list and locate all American imprints up to the terminal date limit December 31, 1876, except in the Rocky Mountain States, where the date limit is December 31, 1890. This inventory will supplement such general bibliographies as Charles Evans *American Bibliography* and Joseph Sabin *Dictionary of Books Relating to America*. Since Evans' date limit is 1800 and Leopoldt's *American Catalog* did not take up the record until 1876, this inventory will fill the gap 1801-1876 in the record of American publishing.

The initial step in making an inventory will be the copying of library catalog cards on all imprints within the prescribed date limits. Next, an inventory will be made of all uncataloged material. The final step will be research in files of newspapers and period-

icals for advertisements, book reviews, and announcements of imprints for which no actual copies have been found.

Workers' forms as completed will be submitted to the national office in Chicago, where they will be checked and filed in a master file. A mimeographed preliminary check list of Louisiana imprints is now being prepared; a more comprehensive list based on the master file will be published near the completion of the survey. A trained librarian will be placed in charge of imprints work in Louisiana. The co-operation of the libraries of the state will insure the success of what is generally recognized as a worthwhile undertaking.

The National Director of the Historical Records Survey is Dr. Luther H. Evans, the State Director in Louisiana, John C. L. Andreassen, 620 Canal Bank Building, New Orleans.

## Junior Members Round Table

### ALEXANDRIA!

Flash! Lucile Althar, librarian, Centenary College, Shreveport was elected chairman of the J. M. R. T. for 1938-39. Other officers elected are: Elizabeth Johnson, secy. L. S. U. Library School, vice-chairman and Pat Pugh, librarian, Fair Park High School, Shreveport, secretary-treasurer. Those on the executive committee are: Frances Flinders, Floretta Eberling and Evelyn Stuart Cormier. Congratulations and good luck to all of you! May you accomplish great things under the capable leadership of the chairman! Remember we stand back of you in success or defeat!

### ACTIVITIES PLANNED—

To make a scrap book of all clippings pertaining to library work in Louisiana. This will enable us to see what has been accomplished and to have a permanent rec-

ord of all activities throughout the state. So save all clippings which you find in your local newspaper and send them to Lucile Althar, 301 Wilkinson Ave., Shreveport. Let's make this one of the best projects we have undertaken. DON'T forget your "vertical file training" please, put source and date on your clippings.

The directory which is about to be ready to leave the press will be kept up to date thru the Bulletin.

Since the treasurer of the Southwestern Library Association is going to take care of the membership notices, Miss Culver has asked us to try to get new members to join. Evelyn Stuart Cormier, chairman of the Southwestern Library Association J. M. R. T. urges all to plan to meet again in Oklahoma City in October.

## College and Reference Section

### CITY HALL ARCHIVES

The City Hall Archives has been recently repainted and new reading tables made. The records have been given additional space and are now more accessible for research.

Through the sponsorship of Mayor Maestri a white collar W. P. A. project is busily engaged in reconditioning the documents, rebinding the newspapers and translating French and Spanish data.

A Newspaper Index of Current events of Louisiana and New Orleans has been started, also a theatrical file of the early theatres and plays.

A catalogue of the contents of the Archives is in progress and the City Laws and ordinances are being codified and indexed.

The outlay of time and money seems to be justified and filling a long felt need, for a glance down the visitors roster shows not only local interest but names from almost every state in the union. In addition to the personal calls, written requests for various types of information are received daily.

(Mrs.) E. D. FRIEDRICHS

### NEWCOMB NEWS

Mrs. Harvey's many friends will be sorry to learn that on Wednesday, May 18, she fell and fractured her hip. She is in Touro Infirmary, and seems to be on the mend.

The annual library picnic was held on Saturday afternoon, April 30, and was, as it always is, highly successful. We went to Fort Pike, twenty-two strong, including the staff, student assistants, assistants "emeritus", and two guests.

Patty Motte was elected secretary of the New Orleans Library Club and was reelected Librarian of the Newcomb Alumnae Book Club.

KATHRYN T. HANLEY

Miss Frances Flanders, Librarian of Neville High School, Monroe, La., will teach the courses of Library Science at Southwestern this summer. The three courses to

be taught are for the teacher-librarians in the small high schools of the state.

Southwestern has recently been made a United States Government Depository Library. This was done through the cooperation and efforts of our Congressman, Honorable Robert L. Mouton.

LOMA KNIGHTEN

Keeping in step with the modern trend of education, the Margaret C. Hanson Normal School will offer next year a course, entitled "The Library in the School". The student-teacher will not only learn how to make use of library materials but also how to integrate library work with instruction. This same course will be offered this summer by Miss Helen Maestri at Loyola University.

The librarians of the New Orleans Public Schools, at the suggestion of Mr. Lionel Bourgeois, Supervisor of High Schools, formed a Council of Librarians in order to improve library service in the schools. Miss Helen Maestri was elected President and Miss Evelyn Peters, the librarian at Colton High School, was elected Secretary. At present the librarians are working for an increased budget and for the granting of credit for the library course offered in the high schools. In order to have a definite standard of comparison, the high school librarians are filling out the Eels report, which is found in the March issue of the A. L. A. bulletin.

The Hanson Normal School offered to their students this year a series of lectures given by men and women outstanding in their field. One of the most interesting talks was on reading and was made by Miss Ella V. Aldrich, Readers' Adviser at L. S. U. So much did the students enjoy her talk that they have besieged their librarian for book lists for summer reading.

HELEN MAESTRI

The Newcomb graduating exercises this year will be unusually interesting, as the Alumnae Association elected Kathryn Han-

ley, as Commencement Orator and alternate Mrs. Edwarda MacMurdo, acting head of the Reference Department of the New Orleans Public Library. Miss Hanley also gave a scintillating talk at the annual luncheon of the New Orleans Woman's Club on May 16.

Mrs. Evelyn Stuart Cormier, the librarian at Behrman High School, has been appointed one of the instructors of Library Science at the summer school of Loyola University.

Miss Kathleen Fletcher, the librarian of the Demonstration High School of the Florida State Teachers College, will teach library science this summer to a group of teacher-librarians at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute.

#### LIBRARY PROGRESS AT HAMMOND

The Library of Southeastern Louisiana College came into existence in 1925, the same year that the college was founded. It was located in a cubby hole in the Hammond High School building and the various members of the faculty helped take care of the books. The collection was made up principally of books donated by generous individuals and clubs in Hammond and supplemented by a few purchased books.

It was not until the fall of 1935, that the Library was moved to its present location in the Lucius D. McGehee Building and a full-time librarian was employed. Since then the library has made much progress. It is furnished with standard equipment. The book collection is fully cataloged and now numbers nearly seven thousand volumes. Most of the books are purchased and are selected with the definite needs of various depart-

ments in mind. These are supplemented by a vertical file which was begun in the fall of 1937. This file contains pamphlets and clippings on all subjects but is especially strong on Louisiana material. It has been a great help to the class in Louisiana geography and is proving its value.

During the calendar year of 1937, \$4,933.21 was spent on the Library. This includes salaries, books, periodicals, binding, etc. During the past two years, the Library has co-operated with Louisiana State University School and has taken one of its students for practice work. These students are only sent to libraries approved by the Library School. Up until the current year, the librarian's only assistance has been from students working on N. Y. A. scholarships. This year there has been a full-time trained assistant and less student help. Of course this has meant more and better library service to the student body and faculty members.

ANNE P. DAVIS

Northeast Center of Louisiana State University library reports progress in encouraging circulation of victrola records and of good reproductions of fine pictures. The library is a subscriber to a kind of picture-of-the-month service; these pictures are sent in portfolios which simplify handling for circulation. Statistics are kept on these two types of circulation and a gratifying interest is apparent. The library devotes two otherwise empty frames to display of the current pictures.

SUE HEFLEY

### *Edmund Lee McGivaren, Jr.*

AFTER weeks of lingering illness, Edmund Lee McGivaren, jr., librarian of the New Orleans Public Library, died at a sanitarium in Vicksburg, Miss., on Sunday night, the twenty-fourth of April. The tributes paid to him as a man and as an

educational leader which spontaneously came from people in all walks of life who had known of his work were sad witness to the sense of loss felt by the citizens of New Orleans and by his personal friends everywhere.



Mr. McGivaren was born in Baton Rouge, La., in the year 1908, but received his early education in the public schools of Vicksburg, Miss., and later attended Southwestern University in Memphis, Tenn. As a student, he had been an assistant in the library, and upon graduation he entered the Library School at Emory University in Atlanta on a Rosenwald scholarship. He returned to Memphis to work for the Cossitt Library where he served in various positions. From there, he went to the Tennessee Valley Authority, and became Supervisor of General Adult Education in the Muscle Shoals Area. On April 2, 1936 he was appointed Librarian of the New Orleans Public Library, and he took up his duties there on December first of that year. Just a year later, in December, 1937, he was taken ill with a premonitory attack of bronchitis, from which he recovered sufficiently to be able to return to his post for a short time. On February 19, 1938, he was again forced to leave the library, this time because of pneumonia. As the seriousness of his condition became apparent, he was moved to a sanitarium in Vicksburg on April 6th, where for a time he was treated in an oxygen tent. Complications following upon his previous illness, however, were too much for his weakened condition, and on the 24th of April he died. On Tuesday morning of the 26th he was buried in Vicksburg. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Nina Stamps before their marriage.

Mr. McGivaren's accomplishments as a librarian have received high praise from all those who knew of his work. His appointment in New Orleans had grown out of the high reputation he had built up in the adult education project of the Tennessee Valley Authority. This work represented some totally new departures in the methods of bringing reading materials to those so badly in need of them to whom such benefits had never before been available. The conviction that the library was pre-eminently an educational institution, which he derived from his experiences with the T. V. A., was Mr. McGivaren's guiding policy in New Orleans.

So to simplify technical details as to make the citizen unfamiliar with complexities of a modern library feel welcome; so to build up the book collection as to make it possible for this citizen to get what he needs; and so to organize the staff as to produce the greatest zeal for the task at hand—these were his ambitions for the first few years. Continuous extension of service and the gradual raising of standards were long-time ideals which were for him the challenge of the future. He reduced mechanical routines to their simplest forms; he initiated remodeling and redecorating projects for the library building to make it both more attractive and more useful; he worked out a scheme for staff organization to encourage the active participation of his co-workers in his plans and to reward them for work well done; he removed the Children's Department to the first floor where it had possibilities for greater usefulness; and secured an increase in the library budget for this year. All these things and more he did, believing that a great opportunity was at hand.

Mr. McGivaren was active both in professional groups and civic affairs. He was secretary of the Louisiana Library Association and had been chairman of its Federal Relations Committee. He was Chairman of the Adult Education Round Table of the American Library Association and a member of its Special Membership Committee and of its Committee on Visual Methods. Locally, he was a member of the Association of Commerce, serving on the Committee of 101 and on the Civic Affairs Committee. He gave numerous talks to organizations in the city and at professional meetings. He was a member also of the Round Table Club of New Orleans and of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

With the City of New Orleans we mourn his loss; to his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy. His true memorial will not be these or any other words set down on paper; it will be the unmeasured influence of his work so greatly begun.

RALPH Mc COMB

## Miscellaneous Notes

The Library Association's annual meeting, held in Alexandria April 7 to 9 proved a delightful occasion for the some 200 members who were in attendance. High spots were the addresses by Milton J. Ferguson, who has just been elected president of the American Library Association, by Miss Julia Merrill of the American Library Association and by Miss Nora Beust of the United States Office of Education. The illustrated lecture by Theodore Koch, Librarian of Northwestern University on some recently discovered false imprints was most illuminating and instructive. Cosy and cheerful within the comfortable Bentley Hotel, the delegates minded not at all the blustering cold and driving storms without. Altogether the meeting does great credit to those who planned so wisely and well for the members of the Association.

Gwen Bristow, whose interesting contribution to this number has a leading place, came on to Louisiana from her home in Beverly Hills, California in April and May. Guided by Miss Annette Duchain of the Extension Department of Louisiana State University, Miss Bristow made addresses before literary groups in many parts of the state. We are most fortunate in receiving these occasional visits from a busy author and hope Louisiana may continue to have a warm place in her affections.

Margaret Dixon's article on the Citizens' Library Movement in Louisiana which appeared in our March number was abstracted in part by the Indiana State Library for use in their Digest of Current Literature.

In May there came public announcement of a merger of the Howard Memorial Library with the libraries of Tulane University and Newcomb College. As planned, the three institutions are to be installed under one roof in a new building to be built by October 1940 on a site yet to be definitely determined.

Robert J. Usher has been named director of the new institution and will be assisted by Ralph W. McComb. Mr. Moise Goldstein, a member of the Board of Directors of Howard Memorial Library has been selected as the architect for the new building, plans for which are now being made.

The final meeting for the year of the New Orleans Library Club was a delightful dinner meeting held at the Orleans Club on the evening of May 26. Stanley Arthur was the guest speaker, his talk being on historical aspects of New Orleans. Miss Elizabeth Turnbow rendered several musical selections.

Newly elected officers are:

President—Helen Maestri.

Vice President—Alice Rogers.

Secretary—Patty Motte.

Treasurer—Theresa Militello.

Mr. John Andreassen, State Director of the Historical Records Survey is greatly enlarging his work on a survey of imprints in various libraries within the state. His workers are likely to appear in any of our libraries, asking permission to carry on their work. A brief statement of the plans for this survey, of much interest generally, appears in another column.

Noted in attendance at the American Library Association annual meeting in Kansas City were the following Louisiana librarians: Essae M. Culver, Ella V. Aldrich, Lucile Althar, Dorothy Moss, Ralph McComb, Mary Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Usher, Bess Vaughan, Anita McGinity, Nellie Hart, Wilhelmina Carothers, Mrs. J. M. Townes, Mr. and Mrs. James McMillen, Mildred Harrington and probably there were a number of others whom we failed to see. We are nothing if not convention minded.

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